

REMARKS

Support for the recitation of "less than about 5% shrinkage" in the wording added to claims 1, 14 and 18 is found in the application as filed at page 11, lines 17-19. Claim 18 has also been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 19, which is now canceled. New claims 21, 22, and 23 find support in claims 1, 3, and 14, respectively, from which the recitation of the initiator has been deleted. No new matter is presented.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph. The two terms that have been objected to are both removed from the claims, the first by replacement with a phrase from the specification, and the second by cancellation of the claim in which the term appears.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). The rejection of claims 18 and 20 over Muskat is fully obviated by the incorporation of claim 19, which was not rejected over Muskat, into claim 18 and the cancellation of claims 19 and 20.

Rejection for Obviousness-Type Double Patenting. The rejection of claims 1, 2, 14 and 20 for obviousness-type double patenting over patents nos. 6,570,714 and 6,416,690, is obviated by the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer.

With this amendment and the Terminal Disclaimer, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Should any matters remain that can be resolved by a conference, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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